

BRICK MARKET

Thames Street and Washington Square, Newport

Peter Harrison, one of colonial America's most important architects, designed the Brick Market. Inspired by a plate from an English architectural book, Harrison displayed an awareness of correct classical proportions and details seldom realized in America at the time. Above an arcaded ground floor, giant Ionic pilasters divide the bays of the two upper stories and support a full entablature below a shallow hipped roof. The Market was under construction for 11 years, from 1761 to 1772. Now restored, it is a museum.